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January 28, 2022

To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Notice of the Closure of the Public Hearing Record for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Reconsideration of Baffinland's "Phase 2 Development" Proposal Related to the Mary River Project**

Dear Parties:

On November 30, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) duly appointed decision-making Panel for the assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) "Phase 2 Development" Proposal (the Proposal) provided updated Procedural Guidance<sup>1</sup> advising Parties of the timelines outlined in Table 1 below. These timelines applied to the Board's receipt of specified written materials prior to the closing of the Public Hearing Record associated with the Board's assessment of the Proposal.

**Table 1: Summary of Next Steps and Due Dates in the NIRB's Assessment of the Phase 2 Development Proposal**

Deadline	Submission
<b>1:00 pm MST Friday, December 10, 2021</b>	Registered Intervenors may file written comments on the new information contained in the Espoo Materials
<b>1:00 pm MST Friday, December 17, 2021</b>	Baffinland may file written comments in respect of the new information contained in the Espoo Materials
<b>1:00 pm MST Monday, January 10, 2022</b>	Registered Intervenors required to file Final Closing Statements
<b>1:00 pm MST Monday, January 24, 2022</b>	Baffinland required to file Final Closing Statement
<b>Week of January 24-28, 2022</b>	NIRB to advise whether all materials required for decision-making have been received and if the Public Hearing Record for the Board's assessment of the Phase 2 Development Proposal is closed

<sup>1</sup> NIRB Letter to Parties Re Objections and Updated Procedural Guidance Doc ID. 337425 & 337478

On January 26, 2022 the Panel met to review the materials received from Parties since the end of the November 1-6, 2021 Public Hearing sessions. Upon deliberations, the Panel, by way of Motion #20220126-02-SBM-04, has determined that upon the Board's receipt of the materials as summarized in Table 1, the Board has received all the information required to complete the Board's Reconsideration of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development" Proposal, and decided that the Public Hearing Record for the file can now be closed. By way of this correspondence, the Board advises all parties that the Public Hearing Record is closed effective January 28, 2022, and no further information or evidence associated with the Proposal will be considered by the Panel while it is in decision making.

The matter has now been remitted to the Panel for decision-making. The Panel will be following up in the days ahead in separate correspondence to advise the Responsible Minister and Parties regarding the projected timeline to complete the Panel's decision-making for the assessment and to issue the Board's associated Reconsideration and Recommendation Report.

In closing, the Panel expresses our appreciation to all who participated in the many aspects of this assessment since 2018, including the various Public Hearing Sessions, the Community Roundtables, the Technical Meetings, the Pre-Hearing Conference and the written technical review process. The Board is grateful for your important contributions to the Board's assessment of the Proposal.

Should you have questions regarding the Public Hearing Record for the Phase 2 Development Proposal, please contact the Board's Executive Director, Karen Costello at (867) 983-4608 or [kcostello@nirb.ca](mailto:kcostello@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
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